



# Call for Papers

## Science and Policy Issues in Environmental Justice and Health Disparities

The National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NCMHD) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have commissioned a special supplement of the American Journal of Public Health (AJPH) on Science and Policy Issues in Environmental Justice and Health Disparities. Papers are invited. Papers must highlight the state of the science and knowledge on factors that contribute to environmental injustice and environmental health disparities.

Specific topics include:

### Original Research Topics

- Contributions of social context to differential environmental exposures in vulnerable populations;
- Community or population group vulnerability to environmental hazards; and
- Risk/health impacts resulting from environmental exposures.

### Additional Paper Topics

- Analytic and decision-making tools and frameworks for incorporating environmental justice into environmental health policy; and
- Case studies of successful incorporation of environmental justice principles in environmental decision making, integrated strategies in research and policy to develop effective interventions or other promising practices.

The special issue came about after a March 2010 symposium “[Strengthening Environmental Justice Research and Decision Making: A Symposium on the Science of Disproportionate Environmental Health Impacts](#)” that was hosted by the EPA. NCMHD and the EPA will fund the special issue to raise awareness about health disparities. The issue will highlight topics covered at the symposium.

**MANUSCRIPT REQUIREMENTS:** All manuscripts will undergo the standard peer review process by the AJPH editors and peer referees as defined by AJPH policy. NCMHD encourages grantees and colleagues to submit scholarly articles for review and possible inclusion in the issue. Authors should consider the different categories of manuscripts as indicated on the AJPH Web site (*Page 9 of the [What AJPH Authors Should Know](#)*).

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION:** October 1, 2010. Manuscripts can be submitted at <http://submit.ajph.org>. For additional information, please contact: [Symposiumpapers@epa.gov](mailto:Symposiumpapers@epa.gov).